

## Structures and Architecture

### Strengths

Amenities: New drinking fountains; benches

Facilities and structures: Hatch Shell; Community Boating facility; the bridges across the canoeway and lagoon

Cherry trees

### Weaknesses

Connections: Park entry points are poorly defined; difficult to access the Public Garden and Common, MGH, and Museum of Science; footbridges are in generally poor condition

Facilities and structures: CBI docks need to be repaired; café is terrible, and would benefit from design improvements such as plantings and gardens, or outdoor fireplaces; restrooms are in poor condition and are difficult to access; Lee Pool is a facility that should be utilized

No first aid program for the park

There should be more art in the park

Benches are in full sun

### Opportunities

Art and design: Rehabilitate the Dartmouth fountain; illuminate sculpture and architecture at night; add sculpture gardens and decorative fountains to the park

Connections: Access points into and out of the park could be marked by architectural or sculptural features; create better access points to Back Bay and MGH

Facilities and structures: CBI docks should be a priority; café redesign would make it more appealing; situate the café in a brighter, grassier area; bathrooms should be rehabilitated and reopened; build more restrooms; bring programming to the Lee Pool; build more playgrounds; create a daycare center; build a community sauna

Safety: Develop first aid station; install police phones; better lighting at night

Water access: Make the lagoon swimmable and/or skateable; create a swimming area in the river itself

Install benches in shaded areas of the park